



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held June 15, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“Congressmember Randy Cunningham (R – 51st District) and Congressmember Jane Harman (D – 36th District) have introduced an amendment to be inserted into H.R. 4200, the Defense Authorization Bill, which will authorize the construction of a memorial at Arlington National Cemetery to honor foreign-born service men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed forces. Congresswoman Harman points out that there are 36,000 people fighting in today’s war in Iraq in the American military who are not American citizens. So far, 24 have died in battle.

“Foreign-born residents have a long history of serving in all of the branches of the United States military and have died to protect the United States. Accordingly, it is time to have a fitting tribute for these heroes and patriots who deserve our thanks and remembrance.”

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Knabe and on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board went on record in support of Congressmembers Cunningham and Harman's amendment to H.R. 4200, the Defense Authorization Bill, which would authorize the construction of a memorial at Arlington National Cemetery to honor foreign-born service men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send correspondence to President Bush, Senators Feinstein and Boxer and the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation urging they take early action of support and enactment of this legislation.

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